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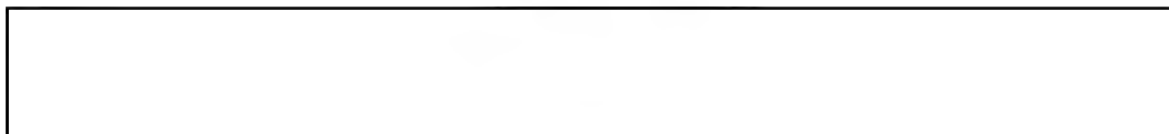
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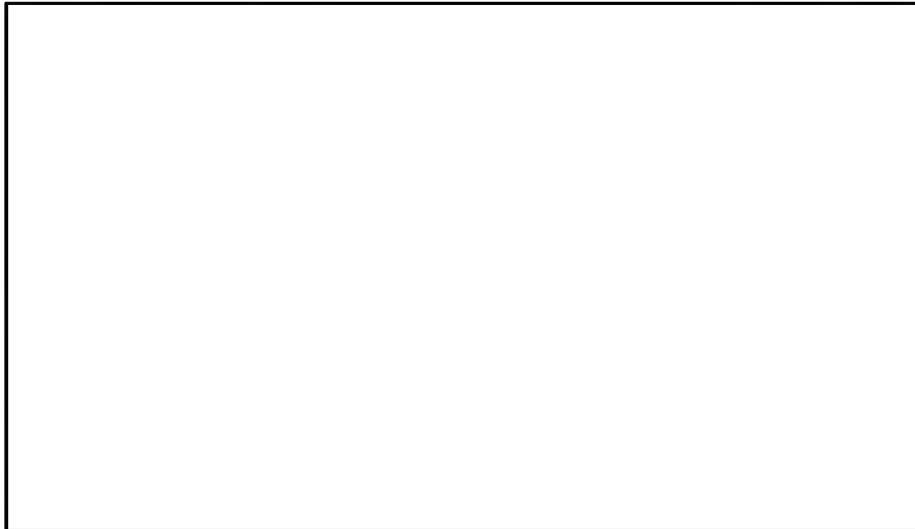
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### DAILY BRIEF

\*Syria: There is increasing danger of clashes between Syrian army units which are aligning themselves with the opposing Baathist and Nasirist political groups.]

[Embittered ex-army officers, dismissed during the past few days by the pro-Baathist military command, are reported making agreements with troop units outside Damascus, possibly for a march on the capital.]

[Syrian police used force to put down pro-Nasir demonstrations in the northern city of Aleppo and in Damascus yesterday. A curfew has been imposed in Aleppo. The government also has shut down two local newspapers sympathetic to Nasir and has temporarily barred the entry of Egyptian newspapers.]

[Cairo radiobroadcasts have stepped up pressure against the Damascus government, claiming that "all the people of all classes" in Syria are calling for the downfall of the Baathist regime.]

[Top-level Syrian delegations, meanwhile, have gone to Egypt and Iraq, presumably in an effort to resolve the crisis without destroying such progress as has been made toward developing a federation of the three states.]

[A Cairo broadcast reported this morning that the delegation to Egypt returned to Damascus and "no agreement has been reached on many matters."] ]

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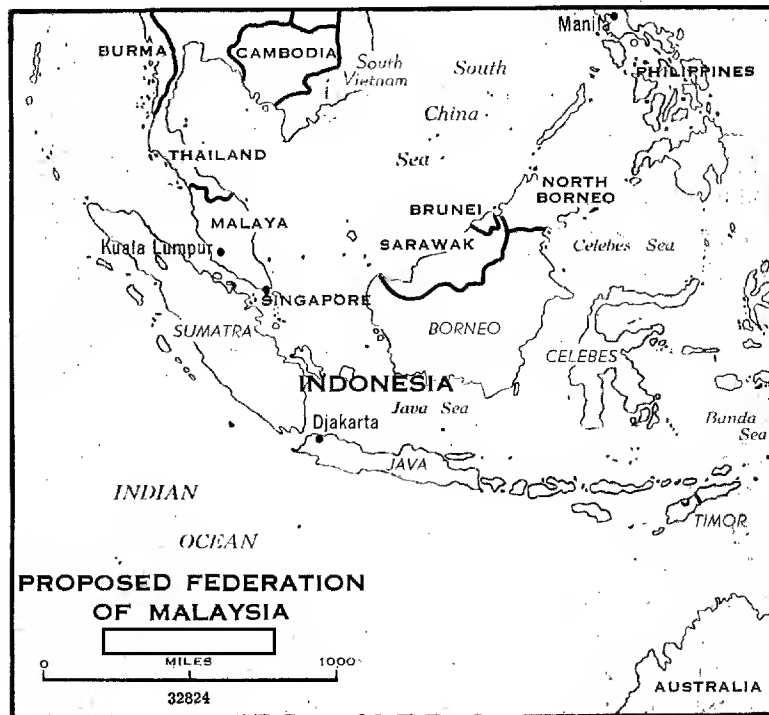
USSR: [Mars 1, launched from Tyuratam on 1 November 1962 and expected to reach the vicinity of Mars on 19 June, probably will not accomplish all of its announced missions]

[Included in the probe's announced mission is an attempt to photograph the planet and to transmit the pictures back to earth. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Mars 1 would come no closer to Mars than 200,000 km. (105,800 n.m.) and that an attempt to correct the trajectory to bring it closer to Mars had failed. Photographs taken from such a distance would at best be of marginal scientific value]

[There also is an indication that Mars 1 is not communicating satisfactorily. There has been no announcement of communications with Mars 1 since a contact was reported during the week of 17-25 March, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]



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Indonesia-Malaysia: The Indonesian Government remains determined to use any means to block the formation of the Malaysia federation, even though it has agreed to discuss the issue with Malaya and the Philippines at a meeting of foreign ministers in Manila, probably beginning 24 May.

Indonesia's objective at the talks is to secure a postponement of the formation of Malaysia, now scheduled for 31 August, or at least to make it appear that Malaysia's principal promoter, Malayan Prime Minister Rahman, is the intransigent party. Rahman has said publicly that he would not even consider postponement.

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[ ] [ Indonesian Deputy Foreign Minister Suwito recently stated that if Malaya will not "cooperate" with Indonesia, Djakarta "would have to settle the matter in its own way." Sukarno is reported to have given orders in mid-April to increase Indonesia's military support for anti-Malaysia groups in the Borneo territories. At the same time, he intends to maintain an outward pose of using only peaceful means at least until after the foreign ministers' meeting.

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The Philippines has collaborated with Indonesia in diplomatic and propaganda activity against Malaysia, but Manila has stopped short of using covert military action.

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Peru: Peru is unhappy with the sponsorship of the denuclearization pact for Latin America recently proposed by Mexico and will not support it unless stringent conditions are met.

A Peruvian Foreign Ministry spokesman said Peru would insist that all Latin American nations, including Cuba, be parties to the agreement, and that the agreement provide for adequate inspection and verification procedures. Peru is consulting with Argentina, Colombia, and Uruguay in an effort to arrive at a common position.

Brazil is co-sponsoring the proposal, and Bolivia, Chile, and Ecuador have endorsed it. The Peruvian spokesman pointed out to the US Embassy at Lima that all except Ecuador maintain diplomatic relations with Cuba, and that there are powerful leftist parties in all five nations. He speculated that the proposal may have strong neutralist undertones and could have been inspired partly by domestic political considerations in the sponsoring countries. He said the Peruvian Government "could not understand" why it was not consulted before the proposal was publicly announced. [REDACTED]

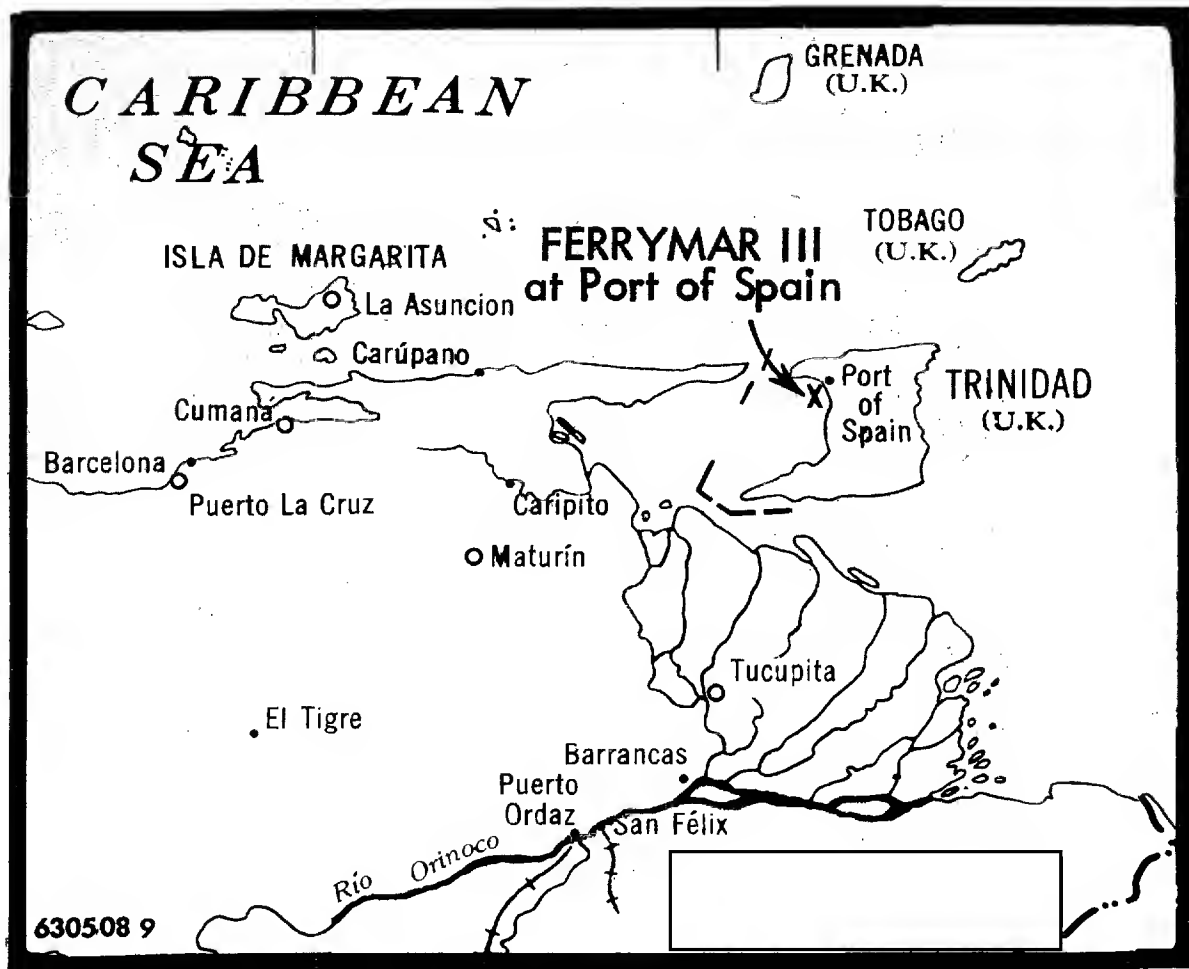
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\*Venezuela: [The Venezuelan ship, Ferryman III, which may be carrying a small amount of arms destined for Venezuelan rebels, will arrive at the Venezuelan island of Margarita in the next two or three days after a voyage from Hamburg. The vessel is now at Port-of-Spain, Trinidad]

[The Ferryman III was recently purchased in Europe for use as a ferryboat between Venezuela and the island of Margarita by individuals reported to be anti-Betancourt and pro-Castro. [redacted]

[redacted] the ship would also be used for the illegal transport of arms. One of the owners reportedly purchased a small quantity of small arms, signal pistols, and ammunition. A number of crates, the contents of which were said to be household goods, were loaded aboard in Hamburg]

[The Ferryman III left Hamburg on 14 March, but was delayed en route for repairs. The ship arrived at Trinidad on 7 May en route to the island of Margarita, and is under US Navy surveillance. The US Embassy at Caracas on 3 May recommended that the Venezuelan government be approached only indirectly concerning Venezuelan surveillance, since the ship could be carrying contraband articles for high-ranking Venezuelan officers] [redacted]

[redacted] (Map)

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Malagasy Republic - USSR: President Tsiranana, anxious to counter charges by the Communist-dominated opposition party that he is controlled by Paris, has publicly reversed his stand against permitting relations with Communist bloc countries. Although Tsiranana told a visiting 10-member Soviet tourist group that diplomatic relations with the USSR "will come," he probably will temporize on this point while countenancing limited cultural and trade exchanges.

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\*Colombia: Security authorities are making preparations to prevent disorders on 10 May during a rally in Bogota of the followers of former dictator Rojas Pinilla. The rally has been authorized by the Mayor of Bogota, and senior security officials estimate that it may attract as many as 30,000 people. They are apprehensive that Colombian Communists may seize the opportunity to make trouble, and see a remote possibility that the Communists may even attempt to assassinate Rojas in order to embarrass the government in the presence of the American labor ministers currently meeting in Bogota. [REDACTED]

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